

MINUTES 24-08
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
April 25, 2024

Mr. Timothy Holtcamp, president, called the City of Madison Board of Education meeting to order at 5:02 PM in the board room at Madison City Schools Central Office. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, roll call was conducted of school board members.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll Call of school board members recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Mr. Tommy Overcash	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Tim Holtcamp	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Alice Lessmann	Present
Place No. 4	Mr. Scott Newberry	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Travis Cummings	Present

Also present were Dr. Ed Nichols, superintendent of Madison City Schools, Mr. Zach Roberson, school board attorney, and Mrs. LaTisha King, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holtcamp called for a motion to approve the April 25, 2024, school board meeting agenda. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Tommy Overcash seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Shannon Brown, principal of Liberty Middle School, introduced the coach of the archery team at Liberty Middle School and a student who placed third during the 2024 State Archery Tournament. The Board and superintendent congratulated the student and provided her with a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Todd Guthrie, executive director of the Madison Chess League, and school principals, recognized chess teams and individual winners from the State Chess Tournament. Teams and student winners were introduced and presented with a certificate of recognition from the Board and superintendent.

Mrs. Jeanne Baird Greer, executive director of The Schools Foundation, and Mr. John Allen, with the Committee of 100, presented a check for \$18,875.00 to the school district. The funds will be used to assist teachers obtain Nation Board Certification. The Board and superintendent thanked both organizations for their donation to Madison City Schools.

Ms. Ellen Reed, with the Tennessee Valley Authority, along with representatives from Senator Katie Britt's office and Huntsville Utilities presented checks to teachers from seven schools in the district who applied for grants. There were over 715 applicants, with only 343 teachers from north Alabama were selected to receive the grants. The Board and superintendents applauded the teachers for applying and receiving the grants. The grants ranged from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

Dr. Nichols and Mr. Russel Johnson, instructional technology specialist, presented each school principal, with the exception of Journey Middle School (The school opened the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. Therefore, they have not received a score on an Alabama State Report Card) with a framed picture to be displayed in their schools for receiving an "A" on the Alabama State Report Card for the 2023 school year.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who addressed the school board members during this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The superintendent recommended approval of consent agenda item(s): (a) Minutes #24-07, April 4, 2024; (b) field trip requests for Madison City Schools; (c) facility use agreements for Madison City Schools; (d) disposal of Child Nutrition Program cafeteria booths at Discovery Middle School (20 Virco booths with seating on each side); (e) disposal of Bob Jones High School band equipment transport vehicle on Govdeals.com (The truck is an older model and isn't operable); (f) 2024 Summer Sports Camps for Bob Jones High School; and (g) 2024 Summer Sports Camps for James Clemens High School. The Board agreed to act on the consent agenda items as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of Eagle Christian Tours as a transportation (motorcoach company) vendor for Madison City Schools. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve transportation service contract with Eagle Christian Tours. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of substitutes for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the substitute list as a group. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to approve the substitute list. Mr. Travis Cummings seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of a list of supplemental contracts for Madison City Schools. The Board agreed to approve the supplemental contract list as a group. Mr. Scott Newberry motioned to approve the list of supplemental contracts. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The superintendent recommended approval of personnel actions. The Board agreed to approve the personnel actions as a group. Mr. Tommy Overcash motioned to approve the personnel actions. Mrs. Alice Lessmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Nichols announced the following retirements: David Arnsperger (Social Science Teacher – James Clemens High), Tammy Jones (assistant principal – Madison Elementary), Robn Lakso (Art Teacher – Bob Jones High). William McCall (Athletic Director – Bob Jones High).and Mary Oliver (Secondary Instructional Specialist – Central Office). Dr. Nichols and the Board expressed their appreciation for the retirees' service to Madison City Schools.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Nichols talked about a financial reality fair held by Redstone Federal Credit Union. He also mentioned the Pre-K Center held a STEM program. Dr. Nichols then mentioned that James Clemens High students provided a wish for a Make-A-Wish student from Mill Creek Elementary School. Next, he talked about a new online hiring system now being implemented by the Alabama State Department of Education. Dr. Nichols announced that both high school's theater programs presented outstanding musical productions over the past week. Dr. Nichols also stated that all schools in Madison City are listed as top school in U.S. News and World Report Magazine. Lastly, Dr. Nichols commended all who assisted with the tragedy that occurred at liberty Middle School. He asked that everyone continue to think of the Liberty Middle School family.

Mr. Tommy Overcash exits the meeting for another event.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Newberry extended his condolences to the family of the Liberty Middle School student who passed unexpectedly. He then congratulated Mr. Tommy Overcash for being re-appointed to the school board for a second term. He also mentioned he assisted with the Discovery Middle School car line on Tuesday of the current week. Mr. Newberry expressed his appreciation to principals and staff for their hard work in receiving a “A” on the Alabama State Report Card.

Mrs. Alice Lessmann stated she is sending prayers to the Liberty Middle School family. She then expressed her appreciation to community organizations and groups for their support of teachers and organizations within Madison City Schools. She then mentioned she participated in the Pre-K STEM Night event, saw the musical production, Mean Girls, put on by Bob Jones High theater students, and is looking forward to Liberty Middle Schools’ production of Shrek, Jr. Mrs. Lessmann congratulated the archery student and chess teams on their state tournament wins. Lastly, Mrs. Lessmann announced that MADfest would be held on May 4, 2024.

Mr. Travis Cummings extended his thoughts and prayers to the Liberty Middle School family. He congratulated the chess teams and archery students for their wins at state tournaments. Mr. Cummings also thanked the Committee of 100 and TVA for their support of teachers and groups in Madison City Schools.

Mr. Tim Holtcamp stated that county soccer tournaments were recently held and Liberty and Discovery Middle schools did well. Also, baseball groups in the school system have done well. He also thanked School Resource Officer Jared Wirtz for attending the school board meeting. Mr. Holtcamp stated the Liberty Middle School Family is in the Board’s thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Nichols then mentioned Ms. Kristen Brown, teacher at Liberty Middle School, is one of sixteen candidates for State of Alabama Teacher of the Year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tim Holtcamp announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM, preceded by a finance committee meeting at 4:00 PM. Mr. Holtcamp then called for a motion to adjourn the school board meeting. Mrs. Alice Lessmann motioned to adjourn the school board meeting. Mr. Scott Newberry seconded the motion.

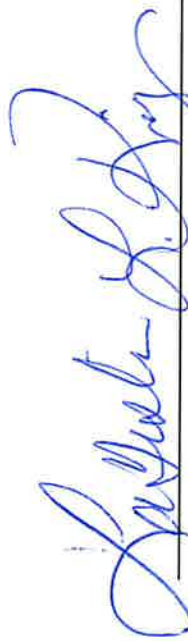
The motion was approved 4-0.



Mr. Tim Holtcamp, President



Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Secretary



Mrs. LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary